Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) and (b) Please see statement appended. (*Appendix I.*)

(c) No special steps have been taken.

(d) Yes.

Items of work approved by the Road Board.

103. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the items of work approved of by the Cochin Road Board at its meetings held on the 21st and 22nd March 1932 for including in the 1108 budget ;

(b) whether items Nos. 8, improving the Panangai lane, 9, opening a road from Kadavallur temple to Pazhanji road and 12, opening a road to Cheruvalli Kadavu in Anjur village had been approved of by the Cochin Road Board to be provided for in the 1108 budget ; and if so,

(c) whether these items had been provided for in the Public Works Department's budget proposals for the current year ; and if so,

(d) whether the Government had included them in the final budget proposals for the year referred to ; and if not ,

(e) what action has been taken by the Government to include them in the budget proposals for the next year ;

(f) whether the Government have passed any orders relating to the aforesaid three items of work after the meeting of the Cochin Road Board, referred to ; and if so,

(g) whether those orders be printed and placed on the table ;

(h) whether the Chief Engineer has included the above items of work in his budget proposals for 1109 ; and if not,

(i) why he did not do so ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) A list is appended. (*Appendix II.*)

(b) Of the works referred to, the road work from Kadavallur temple to Pazhanji was alone considered in the meeting held by the Road Board on the 21st and 22nd March.

(c) No.

(d) No.

(e) The Government have ordered the works of (1) improving the Panangai lane and (2) road from Kadavallur temple to Pazhanji to be included in the budget proposals for 1109, if funds permit.

(f) Please see answer to (e) above.

(g) They are placed on the table. (*Appendix III*), (*1*) *and* (*2.*)

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(h) The two works referred to have been included. The other could not be provided for want of funds.

(i) Please see answer to (h) above.

Transportation through waterways and roads.

104. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state the perspective of transportation through our waterways and roads?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The question is vague.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Would you kindly tell me where is the lack of clearness there?

President.—You please make it clear. That will be better.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—If instead of 'perspective' the word 'extent' or 'range' is substituted, will it be clear?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—If by extent of transportation the Member means the length of roads in the State, I may say that about 500 miles of roads are maintained by the P. W. D. and an equal mileage is maintained by the Panchayat Department. There are waterways and backwaters extending from Arookutti to Chettuvaya. It is about 100 miles.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What I wanted to know was whether there was a progressive increase in the traffic in these lines. Whether any attempt was made by which traffic through these lines will be increased by the initiative of the Government?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Government have been opening roads and improving waterways in the State for the last so many years and there has been considerable increase in traffic in these years.

Burial ground—Kunnamkulam.

105. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Diwan of Cochin has received a petition in Meenam 1108 from Mr. Ayinipully Ayyappan and other Ezhuvas of Kunnamkulam and its suburbs for a burial ground; and if so,

(b) whether their request has been sanctioned; and if not,

(c) what action has been taken in the matter?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) and (c) The petitioners' request is receiving the attention of the Government.

Puncha cultivation.

106. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

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APPENDIX I.

(Vide answer to Question No. 102).

Serial No.	Name of Department or Office	Number of employees	Number confirmed
1	Panchayat Department	2	1
2	Public Health Department	5	1
3	Accounts and Finance	2	...
4	Office of the Inspector-General of Prisons	2	1
5	Chief Court	2	1

APPENDIX II.

(Vide answer to Question No. 103).

List of roads for which the Road Board resolved to provide funds in the 1108 budget in its meeting No. 2/1107 held on 21st and 22nd March 1932.

1. Item No. VII—Opening a road from Kureekad to Udayamperur.
2. Do VIII—Road from Kadavallur temple to Pazhanji.
3. Do IX—Improving the Thevar road.
4. Do XII and XIII—Road between Anandapuram and Nellayi Railway station and road from Thommana road to Anandapuram.
5. Do XIX—Road from near Pullot school to Travancore boundary via Narayanamangalam.
6. Do XXX—Road from Trikkur to Manali.

APPENDIX III (1).

(Vide answer to Question No. 103).

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN.

Public Works Department.

Communication—Panangai lane—Conversion into road.

READ (1) petition dated 25th Makaram 1107 from Mr. T. V. Verghese, Southern Bazaar, Kunnamkulam and others.

AND (2) report dated 10th November 1932, C. No. 2387/07, from the Registrar of Village Panchayats.

Order D. Dis. 5418/1108, dated 21st November 1932.

In the Diwan's Proceedings 751/D/06, dated 25th October 1930, (Development Department), the Chief Engineer was ordered to provide for the work of improving the lane in his budget for 1107 and to submit an estimate in the meanwhile. He is now requested to provide for it in his 1109 budget if funds permit and to submit the estimate if it has been prepared.

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2. The petitioners are referred to the Chief Engineer for orders.

(True extract)

(Signed)

Secretary to the Diwan.

To

The Chief Engineer, (vide his P. 22/06)
,, Registar of Village Panchayats.
,, Petitioners (para 2 only).

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APPENDIX III (2).

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DIWAN OF COCHIN.

Public Works Department.

Road—Kadavallore to Pazhanji—opening of.

READ (1) petition dated 27th Thulam 1108 from Kottilingal Valappil Thoman Thami, Kadavallore, Pazhanji (A. O.)

AND (2) letter dated 10th January 1933 C. No. 1901/08 from the Chief Engineer.

Order D. Dis, 5396/1108, dated 16th January 1933.

The petitioner is informed that the work will be taken up in 1109 if funds permit.

(True extract)

(Signed)

Secretary to the Diwan.

To

The Chief Engineer.
,, Petitioner.